Town of Montague Municipal Airport Commission

Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Commissioners present: Peter Golrick, Mark Fairbrother, Frank (Mike)

Sokolosky

Others present: Mike Sweeney (Manager), Brian Smith (Gale), Rod Herzig, Bruce Bohonowicz

The tenant subcommittee presented a brief overview of the progress made to date.

GALE REPORT

NHESP Permit discussion around tree spade for transplanting lupine (first on list once project starts). Runway bids opened on April 25. Bid awarded to low bid of just under \$6 million. MAC meeting on May 23 at Westfield – Commission presence would be beneficial. We need a method to water the plants until irrigation system is installed. **Motion** by Mark to authorize the Chairman or Vice-Chairman and the Manager to sign grant agreements for the Runway Reconstruction Project (AIP 3-25-0032-11-2007), with 95% federal funding and 5% state funding, seconded by Frank, passed unanimously. **Motion** by Mark to reaffirm that the Commission authorizes the Chairman or Vice-Chairman and the Manager to sign applications and contracts, seconded by Frank, passed unanimously.

MANAGERS REPORT

Tree harvest update – discussion of fire roads and burn units. Ray Godin (Fire Chief) is in favor of doing this. Probably less than a day of Dave Celino's time would be required to design and map this out. The boundary work in included in the \$350 already paid, a couple of hundred more for the road design and map. **Motion** by Mark that pending funds availability (to be discussed later tonight) the Manager be instructed to engage Mt. View Forestry for the purpose of design and mapping of a fire road network and to blaze and paint the boundary markings with the assistance of interested Commissioners, not to exceed \$500, seconded by Frank. Gale would like to have this coordinated around the start of construction. The burn plan would take Dave around a week (about \$600-\$800), motion passed unanimously. **Motion** by Mark to authorize the Manager to sign release of bond for completion of project when the last details are confirmed, seconded by Frank, passed unanimously. Gate 3 needs to be fixed – expected cost is up to \$750. **Motion** by Mark to instruct the Manager to have gate 3 repaired and authorize the expenditure to do so, seconded by Frank, passed unanimously. **Motion** by Peter to authorize the Manager to spend up to \$500 for paint, etc. for sprucing up the facility before the Groundbreaking Ceremony, seconded by Frank, passed unanimously. **Motion** by Frank to authorize the Manager to spend up to \$750 for annual contract for grass mowing outside the AOA, seconded by Peter, passed unanimously. Mike Sweeney is scheduled to meet with Mark Abramson regarding ADN on Friday at 1PM, and to meet with representatives of the TSA on Thursday at 11AM.

Motion by Mark to reorganize the Commission, second by Frank passed unanimously. **Motion** by Mark to offer the following slate – Chairman Peter, Vice-Chair Mark, Treasurer Frank, Secretary Peter, second by Frank. Frank expressed that the time was right for a change. Mark commented that he looks forward to working with the new structure. Motion passed unanimously.



Motion by Frank to go into executive session for security, seconded by Mark.

(Airport Chair Signature)